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THIRTEENTH YEAR

BRYAN, TEXAS, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 3, 1908

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PEOPLE IN POSSESSION.

State Bank at Crowder City Is
Thoroughly Looted.

ALL CASH CARRIED AWAY

Guard of Four Men Remains on the
Outside of the Building and Keeps
Citizens Attracted to Spot by Ex-
plosion From Preventing Burglary.

Crowder City, Okla., Dec. 2.—State
bank at this place was burglarized
about 2 o'clock this morning.

A gang of eight men barricaded the
bank on all sides previous to breaking
open the front doors and looted the
building of every vestige of cash and
checks. The citizens of the town were
aroused by the report of an explosion
and rushed from their homes. As the
sound came from the locality of the
bank a run was made for that place.
Everyone was obliged to fall back, as
all were covered by revolvers from
behind the barricade. No one dared
to fire a shot, and while four robbers
held guard the balance accomplished
the work of burglary.

Word was sent to Muskogee to look
out for the robbers, as they are said
to have gone in that direction.

It is said they were all white men
and masked.

Case Goes Over.

Nashville, Dec. 2.—On application
by the defense the trial of Colonel
Cooper, Robin Cooper and ex-sheriff
Sharp, indicted for the murder of Senator
Carmack at this city Nov. 9, has
been postponed until the next term
of court which convenes in January.
This case had been set for Dec. 9.

Over Two Thousand Resume.
Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 2.—Over
2,000 coke ovens have resumed opera-
tions

Fatal Fall From Train.
Carnegie, Pa., Dec. 2.—W. Young
fell from a train, soon dying.

MAY ATTACK RATE.

Unprofitable Part of Road Must Not Be Selected.

Austin, Dec. 2.—The supreme court
holds that a railroad company has
the right to attack any one rate fixed
by the railroad commission that is un-
just and unreasonable, but that it can-
not select one rate and a particular
part of its road showing a deficiency
in profit and thereby establish that
the rate was unreasonable. This de-
cision was reached by the court in an-
swering a certified question from the
court of civil appeals of the Third dis-
trict here in the case of the Santa Fe
railway et al., against the railroad
commission, wherein it was sought to
set aside certain orders of the com-
mission on lumber to Port Arthur and
Sabine Pass.

Representative George B. Terrell of
Cherokee county, a member of the
next legislature, is here. He stated
he will advocate an amendment to the
anti-pass law so as to permit news-
papers to exchange advertising for
railroad transportation. He will also
favor an amendment to permit giving
passes to immigration on agents. He
will vote against the repeal of the tax
laws, but for their modification.

The Galveston chamber of com-
merce won out in the Brownsville rail-
road differential case in the supreme
court, that tribunal having refused ap-
plication for a writ of error.

This means that the decision of the
lower court must stand, which is in
favor of the abolition of the differ-
ential on that part of the Brownsville
road into Galveston. This is the en-
tering wedge for the abolition of the
Houston-Galveston differential. No
opinion was handed down by court in
this case.

MAKE IMMENSE HAUL.

Burglars Steal Fourteen Thousand Dollars and Escape in Automobile.

Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 2.—Burglars
blew open the vault of the First Na-
tional bank, securing \$14,000 in cash.
They escaped in an automobile.

The thoroughness and skill with
which the work was performed con-
vinced the police that the burglars
were professionals. There were three
men in the party, and although they
were seen escaping in an automobile,
all trace of them was soon lost, and
the authorities are unable to ascer-
tain in which direction they depart-
ed. It is believed, however, the burg-
lars went from here to Groton.

The bank vault was blown open
about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning,
at which time the last of three ex-
plosions were heard by Ernest Tar-
bell, who was sleeping next door. Tar-
bell armed himself with a revolver
and started out, only to find the door
of his own house barred from the
outside. He succeeded in breaking
open the door and immediately start-
ed for the bank. Tarbell reached the
bank just as the robbers were leaving
in the automobile. After shouting an
alarm, he fired several shots at the
burglars. The shots were fired at a
distance of some twenty feet, but there
is no indication of any of them taking
effect.

The third explosion shattered the
entire front wall, behind which the
vault is located.

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

OF BRYAN TEXAS

As made to the Comptroller of the Currency
at the close of business November 27, 1908.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$195,906.27
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	104,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	8,516.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,626.00
CASH	309,197.12
	\$620,245.39

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	93,800.53
Circulation	50,000.00
DEPOSITS	426,444.86
	\$620,245.39

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Brazos. I, Albert W. Wilkerson,
cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear
that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my
knowledge and belief.

ALBERT W. WILKERSON, Cashier.

Correct—Attest: { J. W. English
E. H. Astin
G. S. Parker
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 30th day
of November, 1908. FRED. L. CAVITT,
Notary Public Brazos County, Texas.

Government Will Aid.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The depart-
ment of justice, it is understood, will
send a representative of that depart-
ment to San Antonio this month to
aid in the prosecution of men in Texas
and Mexico who are alleged to have
defrauded Kickapoo Indians in Eagle
Pass out of Oklahoma lands through
forged deeds, etc. Federal grand jury
to meet at San Antonio shortly is to
investigate and indict men whom Sec-
retary Garfield is anxious to punish.

Four Coaches Leave Track.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 2.—A
southbound Denver passenger train
No. 8 was wrecked four miles north
of here. The train went into the ditch
when the tender jumped the track.
Four coaches left the track. All pas-
sengers were considerably shaken up,
but none injured. Traffic was delayed
ten hours by the accident.

Six Hundred on Exhibition.

Sherman, Dec. 2.—The Grayson
County Poultry show opened with 600
birds on exhibition. H. B. Savage is
judging the poultry. J. H. Barden of
the Lyon poultry farm is superintend-
ent. The show is attracting large
crowds, many people being here from
distant points.

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Bryan, Texas

A Sample of Carmack's Eloquence. Taken from a speech which the Tennesseean delivered in the senate on an occasion when his native state had been attacked.

"I speak, sir, for my native South. It is a land that has known sorrows; a land that has broken the ashen crust and moistened it with tears; a land scarred and riven by the plow-share of war and bellowed with the graves of her dead, but a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hal-lowed and heroic memories.

"To that land every drop of my blood, every fiber of my being, every pulsation of my heart, is consecrated forever.

"I was born of her womb, I was nurtured at her breast, and when my last hour shall come, I pray God that I may be pillow'd upon her bosom and rocked to sleep within her tender and encircling arms."

The Old and the New.

In his eloquent address of welcome to the Texas conference of Beaumont Congressman Martin Dies grew remi-niscent and presented a graphic pic-ture of the vanishing past in con-trast with the aggressive present. He said:

In those days we had the genuine Methodist camp meetings. These camps were usually constructed of small pine logs and composed of two pens. Some of the camps were, of course, of a more temporary nature but the country was sparsely settled, and the people came from far and near and camped on the ground for weeks at a time. These meetings occurred in the summer, after crops had been laid by. They were glorious times for everybody, and I can only speak accurately from the standpoint of a small boy. To me they were glorious days—the very millennium of the year's happiness. Whole sacks full of teacakes and other keepable sweets were cooked up in advance for the occasion. Whole beavers were barbe-que'd on the ground. There was preaching and praying and singing and shouting; not just a little bit, but lots and lots of it. If there is a man in this audience who never attended in his boyhood days one of these old-fashioned soul-saving camp meetings, I feel sorry for that man from the bottom of my heart. I shall not undertake to describe the churches of those days. They were nothing compared with the First Methodist church of Beaumont. They were generally log houses, with an arbor hard by to accomodate large gatherings. These log church houses could not claim many of the present day conveniences. They were located principally with reference to spring water and the public road. They were provided with split-log benches for seats, which rendered the audience more comfortable during prayer than at any other part of the service. I do not know how to describe the general appearance of one of these houses, which were often used for both church and school purposes. It looked like a certain house among the mountains of Arkansas described to me by a friend.

"Has its green blinds, and what color is the house?" inquired a northern lady who wished to visit it. "No, marm," answered the mountaineer, "it hain't got no blinds, and it haint got no color." But this church house surpassed the modern in one thing; the ventilation was perfect. It came in from top, bottom, sidewise and otherwise. I believe the good book somewhere speaks of the four winds of heaven. Whoever tried to keep warm in one of these log churches on a December day might believe there were but four winds, but you would never convince him that they didn't have more than four ways of getting into the church.

The simple looking old log church house has passed away, but its tender memories are clinging still. It could not compare in beauty and grandeur with the modern edifice; in point of comfort and capacity it was far behind. But as to faith and charity of those who worshipped at its humble altar, I hazard the guess that it would compare with the very best we possess in this our age of grandeur. To the little log church no man, woman or child was ashamed to go on account of dress, wealth or social po-

THE WEATHER.

Weather Forecast—Thursday, moderate north winds.

Weather Notes.

Galveston, Dec. 1.—The disturbance central yesterday over Minnesota has moved rapidly eastward over the Lake region and has been followed by a cold wave of considerable intensity. A decided fall in temperature has occurred over a large area extending from the Plateau eastward into the Lake region and Ohio valley and southward to northern Texas. Over the greater portion of this area the temperature has fallen from 20 degrees to over 30 degrees, and it is now below zero in the northwest. The freezing line dips southward through Oklahoma and northwest Texas. Rain has fallen on the Texas coast and in several eastern districts, and light snow in the Rocky mountain region, upper valleys and northern Michigan. At time of report the temperature in Texas ranged from 26 degrees at Amarillo to 64 degrees on the coast.

River Bulletin.

River stages in feet and tenths. (75 Meridian time.)

Trinity River—	Stage	Flood Stage at 8 a.m.
Dallas	25.0	20.3
Riverside	40.0	1.9
Liberty (yesterday)	25.0	6.3
Brazos River—		
Kopperl	21.0	0.2
Valley Junction	40.0	2.8
Colorado River—		
Ballinger	21.0	1.0
Marble Falls	36.0	2.1
Austin	18.0	1.4
Columbus	24.0	7.2

River Forecast.

A moderate rise will occur in the upper Trinity. The Brazos and Colorado will not change materially.

B. BUNNEMEYER,
Section Director.

PIANO FORTE RECITAL.

By Pupils From the Class of Miss Lila Varnado.

Friday evening Dec. 4, at 8:30 o'clock, a recital will be given at the Carnegie library by pupils from the class of Miss Lila Varnado, to which the public is cordially invited.

Programme.

Valse Caprice	Newland
Ruth Turrentine.	
Daisy Chain	Spaulding
Mary Francis Hall.	
La Fontaine	Bohm
Lucy Harrison.	
The Little Runaway	Lawson
HeLEN South.	
Boat Ride	Bristow
Lila Adams.	
Two Flowers	Koelling
Lillie Fae Sanders.	
Wild Ride	Engleman
Ruby South.	
(a) Tassel Dance	Spaulding
(b) Charmeuse	Letter
Sadie Elliott.	
Hungary	Koelling
Laura James.	

TEXAS A. AND M. THIRD.

Students' Judging of Live Stock Feature for First Day.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1.—Students representing Iowa Agricultural College of Ames, Iowa, won the students' judging contest, which was the feature of the opening day at the International Stock Exposition in the International Amphitheater. The awards were announced, the Hawkeye boys having been credited with 4,373 for their placings in the horse, cattle, sheep and swine departments.

The awards were announced as follows by Prof. J. H. Sheppard, superintendant of the contest:

Points.

Iowa Agricultural	4,373
University of Nebraska	4,153
Texas Agricultural	4,081
Missouri Agricultural	4,076
Kansas Agricultural	4,075
Ohio State University	4,036
Carolina Agricultural	3,942
Minnesota Agricultural	3,839

The feature of the event was the victory of United States colleges over the Canadian students.

NOTICE.

A considerable amount is due the city on account of delinquent tax, and considering the fact that the law compels the city to bring suit for the recovery of such delinquent tax, we take this method of notifying those who are delinquent, to call at the City hall as early as possible, and thereby save expense to themselves and the city.

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J. B. Hines, Secretary.

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GOOD TIMES IN CASTRO.

Dimmitt, Tex., Nov. 26.—As this is Thanksgiving day and I am not very busy, I thought I would drop a few lines to the "old home paper," as I have not written since about July. I hope the editor and readers will pardon my long neglect as I have been very busy all the year. Today seven years ago, S. C. Lee and I left Bryan, bound for the plains. After spending some time in Scurry, Garza, Crosby and Hale counties, we landed in Castro, the best county on the plains, and the day is fast approaching when it will be one of the best in Texas. Dec. 27 and 28, I bought land and have been here every since. As far as I know all the Brazos county people here in Castro are well and have made the biggest crop this year they ever made in their lives. I would like to tell just what I have raised this year on my farm of about 180 acres, what I have sold and what I still have on hand. But as I think I left a pretty good name in old Brazos as being truthful, perhaps I had better not say anything about the crop, as my old friends might think I had departed from by raising. So I will say nothing about it, but if some of you people will come and take Christmas with us, we can show you what we can do. We have had a fine fall for gathering and taking care of our crop. Most everyone in our community has finished putting up their crop. There are some new people coming into the country. Land is still advancing. I don't think we will have any trouble finding buyers for all the feed we have to spare. I sold ten tons Kaffir corn last week at \$10 per ton to a new man who moved in about August 1. We have a market for all the grain raised in the country by threshing and hauling to Hereford. There is an elevator at Hereford. They buy all kinds of grain at a fair price. The manager told me that they were paying 80 cents per 100 for the maize and Kaffir corn. He also thinks the prices will be much better later on, as people seem to be rushing in a great deal of grain now as the roads are so fine for hauling at present.

Nov. 28.—It rained all day yesterday.

Turned colder and rained all night

last night with considerable sleet

mixed with it. Still cloudy and cold

this morning. If we get a good season

in the ground now, we can plow all

winter and it will also be good on

the wheat crop. Wheat was suffer-

ing on account of dry weather. Well,

as it is cold this morning I have a

chance to get my letter to the office.

I will close. If the editor of The Eagle, or anyone else would like to

know what I and others in this sec-

tion raised on an average per acre

this year and will promise not to call

it one of Dixon's "big windies," I will

give them a write up and a few fig-

ures on it about Christmas. I be-

lieve I am the oldest correspondent

The Eagle has on the list as I have

been writing for the paper for about

ten years.

With best wishes for The Eagle and

a nice Christmas present from same.

I am, as here-24. W. S. D.

[Tell us about the yield from the

acre of land.—Ed.]

THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

OF

THE
CITY NATIONAL
BANK

Wish to call your careful attention to the excellent Statement of the Condition of the Bank as made to the Comptroller of the United States Treasury Nov. 27th, and appearing in this paper. We especially call your attention to our large Cash Reserve, our large Deposits and our large Surplus. By these three items you can tell the strength of any Bank. Any officer of this Bank will consider it a pleasure to answer any questions you may care to ask as to this Statement.

Your account is most earnestly solicited.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

G. S. PARKER, President

E. H. EASTIN, Vice Pres.

A. W. WILKERSON, Cashier

E. W. CRENSHAW, Asst. Cashier

to present. Following this will come the Shakespearian farce comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew" which is presented by Mr. Hanford as Petruchio, Miss Dromio as Katherine, and 22 assisting artists.

It is expected that a number of people will attend the performance from surrounding towns, where advertisements have already been placed, and from which some seat reservations have been requested.

Mrs. A. W. Dyess of Harvey left for Waco Wednesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Irene McDonald, who is ill at her home in that city.

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A Practical Joke.
He was a wag and was passing a large draper's shop in Manchester. There, drawn up, were three or four vehicles, and among them was a closed brougham with the driver fast asleep in the box. Evidently the mistress was inside the shop. Without a word the wag stole quickly up and, opening the carriage door, carefully slammed it to. In an instant the coachman straightened himself up and gazed up the street as if he had never seen anything more interesting to look at in his life. Then he stole a look over his shoulder and saw the wag standing, hat in hand, apparently conversing with some one inside the carriage.

"Thank you, yes. Good morning," said the practical joker and bowed himself graciously away from the door, turning as he did so to look at the coachman and say, "Home!"

"Yes, sir! Tch! Get up!" And away went the brougham home.

Where that home was, who the mistress of the carriage was or what she did or said when she came out of the shop or what the coachman did or said when he stopped at the door of "home" and found the carriage empty—all that only the coachman and the lady know.—London Tit-Bits.

A Beggar in a Basket.

Perhaps the most curious use to which Mexicans put their baskets is to hold gamecocks. Sometimes the cock's basket is woven for the purpose; often or it is made from a sombrero, the wide, high crowned, straw hat of the country, into which the bird is put, a hole cut in the crown to give him air and the brim carefully tied down that he may not escape. The bullfight has been called the national sport of Mexico, but cockfighting is much more universal, for the humblest peasant may have his gamecock, which he keeps in a carefully made cage in his patio, watches with pride and tends with care.

One of the strangest uses to which a basket has probably ever been put was the daily appearance in the streets of a young man carrying in a huge bushel basket on his shoulders his great-grandmother, of unknown age, who held out a skinny hand to the passer-by for the centavo which was almost unfailingly given. Surely a trust in Providence could go no further.—Eleonor Hope Johnson in *Outing Magazine*.

Dreams of the Blind.

In my dreams I have sensations, odors, tastes and ideas which I do not remember to have had in reality. Perhaps they are the glimpses which my mind catches through the veil of sleep of my earliest babyhood. I have heard "the trampling of many waters." Sometimes a wonderful light visits me in sleep. Such a flash and glory as it is! I gaze and gaze until it vanishes. I smell and taste much as in my waking hours, but the sense of touch plays a less important part. In sleep I almost never grope. No one guides me. Even in a crowded street I am self-sufficient, and I enjoy an independence quite foreign to my physical life. Now I seldom spell on my fingers, and it is still rarer for others to spell into my hand. My mind acts independent of my physical organs. I am delighted to be thus endowed, if only in sleep, for then my soul dons its winged sandals and joyfully joins the throng of happy beings who dwell beyond the reaches of bodily sense.—Helen Keller in *Century*.

The Cheerful Undertaker.

A most amusing thing occurred one evening upon our arrival at a small town in New Zealand. We found awaiting us at the station the local carriage and pair, with the local undertaker as footman. He was garbed in his usual funeral suit of black, but he had substituted a white tie in order to relieve the situation somewhat, and, evidently with a desire to dispel any morbid impressions he might otherwise have created, he commenced to whistle a selection of the most cheerful tunes he knew, while he held the door open for us and helped us into the carriage.—Clara Butt in *Musical Home Journal*.

Cashing Up.

"Have you ever played poker with your son-in-law?"

"Only once," answered Mr. Cumrox.

"It wasn't very satisfactory."

"Did he win?"

"No; he lost. But it merely resulted in my having to write him a check so that he could endorse it over to me."—Washington Star.

A Slander.

Member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union—Did you write this notice of my lecture on "The Demon Rum?" Editor—Yes, madam. Member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union—Then I would like to know what you mean by saying, "The lecturer was evidently full of her subject."—Judge.

Lucky.

Rustic—What's the matter? Motorist—Matter! I can't get this car to go. Rustic—Then it's the lucky man you are, for just yesterday a motorist got nearly smashed to bits here because he couldn't get his car to stop.

Her Dig.

Miss Antique—Just think of the nerve of that impudent fellow to propose to me!

Miss Caustique—Nerve? Why, it was absolute recklessness.—Milwaukee News.

Considerate.

Jasper—Whenever a great man dies Longhair writes a poem about him. Jasper—Well, I must commend his consideration in not writing it before the great man dies.—Boston Globe.

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BRYAN, TEXAS, DEC. 2, 1908.

A GET-TOGETHER MOVEMENT.

The meeting of the Farmers' Union in the courthouse Tuesday, was attended by some of the most prominent bankers, merchants and teachers of Bryan. These gentlemen were present by invitation of the farmers and some of them in response to calls made practical talks on the subjects the farmers are discussing. The farmers may not regard all that was said by the business men as practicable and applicable to present conditions but that they appreciate the suggestions offered and will profit by some of them, there is no doubt. On the other hand, the townsmen absorbed both information and inspiration by their association with men who have for several years past battled successfully with the unusual difficulties that have beset the farmer.

It is not of record that there has ever been in Brazos county anything like the feeling of class antagonism which has prevailed in some other places. The writer has known counties where the country people were always talking about "the town clique" which with more or less justice they hated most cordially and in some of the towns the people were "so stuck up" that they looked upon the residents of the rural districts as inferiors and mistreated them to such an extent that they were driven to do their trading in rival towns. In such cases both parties were to blame and both suffered the consequences of their folly. It was like the spirit of religious bigotry that exhausted its energies in internecine strife during the last generation but is now giving way to a spirit of harmony and cooperation for the good of all.

In this get-together movement the farmers of Brazos county and the business men of Bryan have no wall of prejudice to break down but there is a slough of indifference to be bridged, as evidenced by the small attendance Tuesday. Every member of the Retail Merchants' Association and of the Farmers' Union ought to have been present unless he was kept away by unavoidable circumstances, which it is not reasonable to suppose was the case except in a few instances.

Those who did attend and participate in making the meeting a success are entitled to the honor of leading in a movement which promises much for Bryan and Brazos county. It is hoped that they will persevere, that other meetings will be held and that the discussion of the obstacles to thorough and cordial co-operation will be continued until a complete understanding is reached and we shall learn how to work together, each in his own sphere, for the common good. The educational value of such consultations is inestimable. The farmer can explain and demonstrate to the merchant and the banker many things that they ought to know and can in turn secure instruction in methods of doing business that will help him to solve the problem of bettering his condition. In this way all can be led to appreciate and to understand that no man can do injustice to his neighbor without injuring himself.

Some people enjoy being eccentric but it is an expensive luxury.

All nations are pleased with the American-Japanese agreement. They have to be.

The Galveston News is severe. It says: "The kind of people who refuse to build sidewalks in front of their residences deserve no company other than that of mud hens."

How can anybody expect real tariff reform with Jim Sherman presiding over the Senate and Joe Cannon bossing the house?

Experimenters in Germany are convinced that airships cannot fly high enough to get out of range of cannon shot. Wing shots will be something new and exciting in future wars.

Attorney General Davidson wants two more assistants. Why are so many Texas lawyers volunteering to defend Clay Pierce and none seeming to care whether the State has a lawyer or not.

District Judge Dwyer has created a sensation in San Antonio by strongly and emphatically charging the grand jury to enforce the Baskin-McGregor law. If he succeeds in holding Tamaulipas he will rank among the great reformers.

Roosevelt has rewarded Dan Keefe for his treachery to the American Federation of Labor by appointing him commissioner general of immigration. This is positive proof of the charge made during the campaign that Keefe had sold out for the promise of an office.

Wiley Imboden is going to quit editing the Austin Statesman and will go to Stamford to practice law. Then probably he will boast, as Mose Harris did, that he has quit being an editor and become a gentleman. But Mose fell from grace and so will Wiley. See if he don't.

Chief Engineer Marshall, after investigating the waterways of Texas, on his arrival at Washington said: "Texas is the only state I have visited where the rivers all run the right way." He is especially enthusiastic about the Brazos and the Trinity as highways of commerce.

The New England shoemakers want the tariff reformed to the extent of taking the duty off hides. Texas produces more hides than any other state and nobody in Texas was notified of the hearing on hides. This is a sample of the fairness of the tariff revisers and an intimation of what Texas and the South may expect.

In a sermon at Beaumont last Sunday, Bishop Candler said:

"There is a well-known book entitled, 'The Decisive Battle of the world.' But there never was a decisive battle. Battles decide nothing. They merely determine who is beaten for the present, and he remains beaten only so long as he cannot help himself. Battles are merely external conflicts of internal forces. The battle decides nothing, but the unseen forces decide everything."

FOR LOVE OF A GIRL.

Louis Ferrari Slew Brother—Strange Compact.

Geneva, Dec. 2.—The rivalry of two brothers in a love affair has just had an unusual and tragic ending near Zurich. Louis and Charles Ferrari were Italians, and had never quarreled until both fell in love with a pretty Italian girl of Zurich. Then they became hated rivals, each swearing that he would marry the girl. She did not favor one or the other. The brothers formed a strange compact. It was arranged that the first who saw the other after a certain period should have the right to put him out of the way.

The brothers did not meet for a month. Then Louis Ferrari, who was proceeding to work on his bicycle, met his brother Charles on the road. The latter was aiming a revolver at Louis, who dismounted and shot him dead. The slayer produced a copy of the death compact in court and the judge sentenced him to only a month's imprisonment.

Social Scientists Confer.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 2.—The annual meeting of the Minnesota Academy of Social Sciences, opening with a public session at the University of Minnesota this evening, promises to be an extremely interesting and profitable gathering. The meeting will continue over tomorrow.

Among the topics scheduled for discussion are the geological and geographical structure of Minnesota, the policy of the state regarding timber lands, social conditions in Minnesota, the state's educational system and its present status, and the development of charitable institutions in Minnesota.

Having secured hunting privilege from A. E. Withers on Polk land south of town, same is posted according to law and all persons are warned not to hunt or trespass on same. Fin & Feather Club. H. A. Burger, Sec. 316.

JOHN CHAMP CLARK.

With Success John Sharp Williams in the House.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Though the congressional mill will not begin to grind until next week, the usual preliminaries in the way of committee meetings and conferences are already well under way. Of these preliminaries by far the most interest attaches to the caucus of the Democratic members of the House, which has been called for Saturday to choose a leader to succeed Representative John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, who retired from the minority leadership last spring upon his election to the Senate.

Well Known and Popular.

There is little room to doubt that the leadership will fall to Representative Champ Clark of Missouri. Mr. Williams and his friends are supporting the Missourian. There is little opposition to Mr. Clark, although the name of Representative Henry of Texas has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the leadership. Mr. Clark's colleague, Representative DeArmond, has aspired to the leadership for a number of years and his defeat for that honor by Mr. Williams was one of the causes of the enmity between the two which culminated in a personal encounter on the floor of the House last winter.

Talks with leading Democratic members who have arrived in Washington indicate that Clark has virtually a sure thing of the leadership. It is claimed today by the Clark supporters that neither DeArmond nor Henry will develop any considerable strength in the caucus.

Champ Clark is probably the best known figure on the Democratic side and, without much question, the most popular one. For several reasons his elevation to the minority leadership is worthy of notice. There promises to be some phases of his leadership that will be in marked distinction to the leadership of John Sharp Williams.

Many Democrats believe, and in this number are some of the best friends of Mr. Williams, that Mr. Clark will make a more effective leader than did the noted member from Mississippi. For one thing, the Missouri representative will go into the leadership with practically the united support of the Democrats of the House. He is accounted a better politician than Williams and less inclined to consult his personal likes and dislikes in the make-up of the committees, on the Democratic side, with reference solely to personal fitness.

One of the important committees to which he will have to give attention is the Ways and Means Committee, in view of the fact that the revision of the tariff is supposedly near at hand. It is not to be undertaken in the Sixtieth Congress but, as the Ways and Means Committee is made up at this session, it will be for the most part in the Sixty-First Congress. Mr. Clark is now the ranking minority member on the Ways and Means Committee. If he becomes the minority leader he will leave the committee himself and it is expected as an act of courtesy will put in his place DeArmond of Missouri. DeArmond is a hard worker and a strong advocate of tariff revision.

Has Had Broad Experience.

Few members of the House on either side have had a wider range of experience than has Mr. Clark. He is fifty-eight years old and a native of Kentucky. He was graduated from Kentucky University at Lexington and studied law at the Cincinnati Law school. In 1873 and 1874 he was president of the first normal school established in West Virginia. After his experience there he removed to Missouri and became principal of the high school at Louisiana in that state. In 1876 he began the active practice of law and for several years served as city attorney of Louisiana. Then came

a period of two years of service as editor of a country newspaper.

IS PRETTY WELL FIXED.

Mr. Clark's public career dates from 1880, in which year he was chosen a presidential elector and also a member of the Missouri legislature. He was elected to the Fifty-third Congress in 1892, and to the Fifty-fifth Congress in 1896 and has since been biennially re-elected from the Ninth Missouri district. He is an eloquent speaker and ready in debate, as more than one of his Republican opponents have found out when they engaged him in a forensic tilt. Mr. Clark is supposed to be pretty well fixed financially, a large part of his wealth having been made in recent years on the lecture platform.

Plan Big Inland Waterway.

New Orleans, Dec. 2.—The advance guard of delegates has arrived in New Orleans for the big inland waterways convention which is to begin a two days' session here tomorrow. The chief purpose of the convention is to discuss plans for the projected inland waterway from New Orleans to the Rio Grande river at Brownsville, Texas. The plans adopted will be presented to the rivers and harbors convention to be held next week in Washington.

Revolution in Lighting System.

Rome, Dec. 2.—Prof. Piepucci, the eminent Italian physicist of Pisa, announces that he has invented a new species of paper, which is destined to revolutionize the present system of lighting. It is intended to supersede the mantle hitherto in use in the incandescent system of lighting, and will also be very valuable for photographic purposes.

Big Meeting of Woodmen.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 2.—The meeting of the Woodmen of the World, which assembled in this city today, is one of the largest fraternal society gatherings ever held in Oklahoma. Several thousand members of the order are in attendance and at the initiation nearly 2,000 new members will be taken in. Sovereign Commander Root of Omaha is the guest of honor.

Just received, a car of fresh ground chops, which will be sold cheap. Phone for prices. Prompt delivery. E. C. Harder. Phone 251. 292-318.

WANTED—TEN POUNDS OF OLD CLEAN RAGS AT EAGLE OFFICE. MUST BE CLEAN OR WE CANNOT USE THEM.

ILLINOIS CELEBRATES.

The Anniversary of Her Admission to the Sisterhood of States.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 3—Fourscore and ten years ago today President James Monroe signed the birth certificate of Illinois as a State of the Union and birthday celebrations were held today in this city, in Chicago and elsewhere throughout the state. Special exercises were held in a number of schools and colleges. The act enabling the people of Illinois to form a constitution and fixing the present northern boundary was passed by Congress April 18, 1818. The constitutional convention met in August and without great difficulty formulated the constitution.

Nathaniel Pope, at that time delegate in Congress from the Territory of Illinois, had an important part in securing affirmative action by Congress on the enabling act to Illinois, providing for statehood. After an energetic struggle he succeeded in having incorporated in the bill a provision that the northern boundary of the state be at its present location, giving to the state fourteen counties and the city of Chicago, as it now stands, which would have been within Wisconsin boundaries under the original provision. This was for the purpose, and so held by Mr. Pope, of preserving within one state a complete system of waterways which might be used in the future to connect Lake Michigan with the Mississippi river.

The first election of State officers under the new constitution was held Sept. 17, 1818, upon the assurance from Washington that the constitution formulated would be approved by the President, and Shadrach Bond was elected the first governor. The first general assembly met at Kaskaskia, which was the first capital, Oct. 5, 1818, and Governor-elect Bond was inaugurated the following day.

During the early years of statehood Illinois was distinctly a frontier state. Iowa was not organized until 1846, and until that time Illinois marked the westernmost boundary of organized civilization in the country.

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Scene from "A SAVAGE KING." Grand Opera House, Bryan, Monday, Dec. 7

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No. 5 North bound.....12:46 a.m.
No. 2 South bound.....3:40 p.m.
No. 9 South bound.....2:48 a.m.

I. & G. N. Schedule.

No. 14 North bound.....12:54 p.m.
No. 15 South bound.....4:14 p.m.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mr. J. F. Stewart is in Mumford on a business trip.

Mr. Will Jones of Harvey was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. A. W. Dyess of Harvey was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. J. P. Atkins, residing near College, was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. W. T. Horton of Reliance was in the city Wednesday morning.

Miss Lelia Andrews has returned from a visit to friends in Dallas.

Get a Japanese Souvenir at the Rink Friday and Saturday nights.

Souvenirs Japanese goods at the Rink Friday and Saturday nights.

Mr. J. E. Bullock of Steep Hollow transacted business here Wednesday.

Mr. R. L. Buchanan was a visitor from Steep Hollow Wednesday morning.

Fresh bread, cakes, etc., at the Texas Bakery, Mrs. Otto Boehme, Proprietor.

Mr. S. Perry of Iola, Grimes county, transacted business in the city Wednesday.

Mr. Jim Tobias was a visitor to the city from his home at Kurten Wednesday.

Mr. W. I. Powell was a business visitor from Zulch, Madison county Wednesday.

Mr. L. A. Cook of Keith, Grimes county, was in the city Wednesday, disposing of some of his cotton, and buying goods.

As a trade magnet the high price (comparatively) paid for cotton by Bryan buyers, and the tremendous and complete stocks and close prices of the merchants is irresistible. It is a fine argument to a man who wants the most for his crop, and the most for his money.

Haswell's book store has been transformed into a veritable "Wonderland" and the claim that it is the home of Santa Claus does not seem to be overstated. A tremendous line of toys and holiday goods is now ready for inspection. By the way, Mr. Haswell would like to get in touch with Sunday school superintendents and others who expect to feature Christmas tree entertainments this year. He has ornaments and suitable gifts, and can make the price.

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Grand Opera House Dec. 7

One Night—Monday

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In the Beautiful Romantic Drama

"A SAVAGE KING"

Dramatized from Gen. Lew Wallace's "The Fair God."

By Clarence Bennett.

Prices 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Seats on Sale at Cavitt's Drug Store

Miss Alma Cole is visiting friends in Austin.

Miss Lona Harrington of Millican was in the city yesterday.

Mr. A. K. Brown returned yesterday from Calvert, Waco and other points.

Miss Amelia Niles, the guest for some time past of Mrs. M. S. Edge of this city, has returned to her home in Milano.

Mr. H. Donaldson of Zulch, Madison county, transacted business with Bryan cotton buyers and up-to-date merchants Wednesday.

President W. L. Edge of the Brazos County Farmers' Union was a business visitor to the city Wednesday morning and made The Eagle a most pleasant call.

Mr. I. M. Powell of Madison county was a business visitor to the city Wednesday. Mr. Powell sold cotton and purchased supplies in the leading interior market.

FOR SALE—Office furniture and fixtures, including good iron safe and nice roller top desk. Moore, Robinson & Adams. 310-W1t mont Enterprise.

Messrs. Sidney Smith and Roger Nall left yesterday for Hall's lake, where several days will be spent in hunting and fishing. Messrs. Hudson Myers, Lawrence Conway, Henry Rohde and Alf Patterson preceded the party first mentioned, and all are now at the lake.

Attention is directed to the nice display ad of Mr. A. McKenzie, appearing in this issue of The Eagle. A wide variety of subjects are dealt with in the ad, and seasonable specialties are mentioned. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to visit his store and inspect the stock.

Mr. Frank Brown of Zulch, Madison county, sold cotton in this market Wednesday. We are glad to have our Madison county friends with us again. Bryan is the best cotton market in the interior and the best point to buy goods, and the Madison county people are wide awake to their own interests by doing business here.

Fine business resulted from the ad placed by Mr. Will S. Higgs in The Eagle, announcing his closing out sale. Mr. Wren states that it seemed as though everybody in the city read the ad and made purchases. He is well pleased and highly appreciative of the business the people of this vicinity have accorded. The prices hold good, as advertised, so long as any of the stock lasts.

Mr. T. M. Turner of the Tabor community was a pleasant caller at The Eagle office while in town yesterday.

Mr. Noah Cole Walker arrived from Abilene Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents in this city.

The Eagle has for sale old newspapers, clean and suitable for wrapping paper, 25c per 100.

Mr. O. C. Charlton, president of the Texas Woman's college, left for a business trip to Navasota last evening.

Mr. C. H. Mize of Zulch, Madison county, was a business visitor to the city Wednesday. Mr. Mize sold cotton here.

Mr. Minus Easter of Kurten was in the city Wednesday, assisting Mr. Henry Shepard in hauling his household goods and loading on car to be shipped to west Texas. Mr. Shepard is moving from the Kurten community to Mitchell county.

THE COTTON MARKET.

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BECKVILLE FIRE SWEPT.
North Side of the Town Is Completely Devastated.

Longview, Tex., Dec. 2.—Intelligence was received over the telephone that the whole north side of Beckville was swept away by fire. The fire started in McClelland's drug store the first store in the northern block, and as all the wooden buildings were interspersed with brick buildings everything was swept by the strong north wind.

That prosperous town is situated on the Santa Fe railway, twenty-eight miles south of this place, with stores on each side of the track about 100 yards apart.

The north side which burned was composed of J. J. McClelland's drug store, B. F. Carpenter, general merchandise; Clifton hotel, Moore & Phillips, general merchandise; T. A. Knight's hotel and Daniel's feed store. All are a total loss and only partly covered with insurance.

It took valiant effort to keep the fire from spreading to stores on the south side.

The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Considerable Washed Out.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 2.—Despite every caution several hundred feet of track of Santa Fe railway near Claremore were washed out early Wednesday. Through train service was annulled pending repairs. Trains were detoured via the Iron Mountain and Atch

yards.

Big Blaze at Waeiler.

Gonzales, Tex., Dec. 3.—A destructive fire which visited Waeiler, thirty miles north of here early Wednesday morning caused a loss of over \$20,000. Many buildings were ruined. It was the worst fire in the history of the town. Insurance is \$9,000.

Percentage Large.

New York, Dec. 2.—When the cross-examination of John D. Archbold was resumed in the Standard Oil suit Wednesday, Archbold was asked about the percentage of business done by Standard interests in 1879, but he said he would only state that it was large.

Masonic Charters Granted.
Waco, Dec. 2.—Masonic grand lodge granted charters to the following towns: Bynum, Kempner, Utopia, Roscoe, Shiro, Onalaska, Humble, Barksdale and Thorndale.

All on Board Lost.

Kobe, Japan, Dec. 2.—The Japanese steamer Geinsei foundered off Wei Wei. The entire crew and all passengers are lost.

A Star on Stars.

He was one of the leading actors of America—of international fame—and he was talking off guard.

"Women certainly have the best of it on the stage," he said, "although they may not always think so. Whatever a man attains in the dramatic profession he must toil for, but a woman with a little bit of talent can make a hit, if she has a pretty face or figure, that will place her in a brief time and almost without labor in a position of financial independence, to say nothing of being a popular idol. No; I trust I'm not envious, but sometimes I feel a bit discouraged when I contrast my years of toil with the hop, skip and jump that lands a round faced girl at the front."—New York Press.

MILITARY AERONAUTICS.

Major Squier Imparts Valuable Information.

New York, Dec. 2.—Before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Major G. O. Squier of the signal corps presented an interesting document.

It was a most exhaustive paper on the subject of the present status of military aeronautics, taking his theme largely from a scientific standpoint, but also touching upon the popular side of the question. His paper was accomplished by a series of excellent photographs showing the operations of dirigible balloons and aeroplanes in this country and abroad.

A resistless wave of enthusiasm and endeavor, sweeping away every prejudice, Major Squier declared, is passing over the entire civilized world, fixing the attention of all classes on the problem of flight.

He discussed at some length the question of aerial locomotion in warfare. Whatever may be the influence of aerial navigation upon the art of war, he said, the fact which must be considered at present is that each of the principal military powers is dis-

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